THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE(KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) In a memorandum submitted by a forum called the Joint Action Committee of Kandriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Associations of employees, to the Minister of Human Resource Development, it has been inter-alia alleged that 'the network of about 800 Kendriya Vidyalayas spread all over the country has become a hot-bed of administrative and financial corruption, nepotism, favouritism, inefficiency, illegalities' etc. A request has been made to order a high level enquiry into the affairs of the Sangathan.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Government is of the view that no such enquiry is warranted. However, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is always prepared for discussion with the Employees' Associations on all genuine grievances to arrive at reasonable solutions. In fact the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been holding discussions with the recognised Employees' Associations from time to time on the demands/grievances of the employees.

Constitution of Mahila Mandals and Anti-Dowry Cells

1679. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the fact that Mahila-Mandals and anti-dowry cells constituted in different states and Union Territories including the National Capital Territory, comprise over 50 per cent of women above 50 years and 80 per cent above 36 years of age as a result of which dowry and dowry-death cases, find a place, if at all, on the back burner; and

(b) if so, whether Government have propose or are proposing to issue any suitable instructions about the constitution of the Mahila-Mandals, giving proper representation to the younger-women, in the category of daughters-in-law rather than mothers-in-law ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Mahila Mandals are not constituted by the Government. Therefore, the question of issuing any instructions for giving proper representation to younger women in the category of daughters-in-law rather than mothers-in-law does not arise. The Mahila Mandals are voluntary agencies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and receive financial assistance for its various programmes from the Government. As regards Anti-Dowry Cells, Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 provides for the appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers but does not specify age limit for them. However, Government considers that the members of the Mahila Mandals etc. should be such women who are actively involved in women welfare and are sensitive towards women's problems irrespective of their age.

Leaving of Cess for Educational Development

1680. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to levy a cess for educational development of the country for the next decade; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUM. SELJA) : (a) and (b) Levy of cess was one of the measures discussed for raising additional resources for educational development during the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 15th February, 1994.

Allotment of Land to Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts

1681. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts has been allotted land and if so, what are the details thereof ;